Programmes to train NIRD trainers in skills in rural areas

3693. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Rural Development is involved in programme to train trainers who will train one crore people and impart them skills in rural areas;

(b) if so, how many such trainers the NIRD giving training to;

(c) what are the skills which will finally be given to the targeted one crore people in rural areas;

(d) what will be the cost of this project of NIRD;

(e) what happened to the earlier trainers who received such training at NIRD; and

(f) the details of the results of any training imparted earlier by NIRD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Proposals for electrification of villages

3694. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Maharashtra have submitted village electrification project proposals for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(b) if so, the number of villages and habitations covered thereby, the population covered thereby, the total power load required therefor, the estimated cost thereof and the Central aid required to finance the same; and

(c) the Central Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) A new scheme "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana Scheme for Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification" has been launched on 11th April, 2005 for the attainment of the National Common Minimum Programme of providing access to electricity to all rural households in five years.

Under this scheme 90% capital subsidy would be provided for:

(i) Creation of Rural Electricity Distribution Backbone (REDB) with on 33/11KV (or 66/11KV) substation in every block appropriately linked to the State Transmission System.

(ii) Creation of Village Electricity Infrastructure (VEI) for electrification of all un-electrified villages/habitations with distribution transformer (s) in every village/habitation.

(iii) Decentralized Distributed Generation.(DDG) and supply system for conventional sources for Villages/Habitations where grid supply is not cost effective and where Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources would not be providing electricity through their programme(s).

The scheme provides for electrification of all un-electrified Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in the country free of charge.

The scheme covers the entire country and funds would be provided for electrification of un-electrified villages an un-electrified habitations.

This scheme merges the scheme of "Accelerated Electrification of one lakh villages and one crore households" under which there was a provision for about 40% capital subsidy for eligible projects. Under this scheme, based on the proposal submitted by the States of UP, Bihar, Rajasthan & West Bengal, 111 projects involving outlay of Rs. 4326 crore and covering Electrification of 54,159 villages and 23,45,412 rural households (including 18,29,823 BPL households), had been sanctioned by REC during the 2004-05.

Merger of rural housing schemes with IAY

†3695. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have merged the rural housing schemes with the Indira Awaas Yojana;

(b) if so, the norms set for the selection of beneficiaries under the scheme in Chhattisgarh State; and

(c) the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.